

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**  
U.S. Application Number 10/004,839

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(concluded)

the control of the processing means. Speed and position sensors (not shown) are also provided to allow the cut out of the tape to be precisely monitored. All these elements are mounted in a body or casing of the dispenser 26.

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**Please replace the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph on page 4 with the following new paragraph:**

R2

In this way, by making the ratio of the number of pips of the two coding means  $X/Y = (d/L1)/(d/(R*L2)) = R (L1/L2)$ , a direct representation is obtained of the radius of the delivery roller and therefore of the remaining length of the continuous tape of labels. In particular, if the steps of unitary displacement of the two coding means are chosen to be identical, then  $X/Y = R$ . The display of different thresholds, for example 100% of R, 75%, 50%, 25% and 0% (noted by the absence of pip on the second coding means) will make it possible to judge more simply the length of tape remaining. Such display will preferably be effected on a user interface 52 of the franking means 50 via the processing means 20 of the dispenser. However, it may be envisaged to effect this display directly at the level of the label dispenser on a display 40 especially intended for this function.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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**Please enter the following amended claims 1, 2 and 7:**

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1. (Amended) Label tape dispenser for a franking machine, comprising a delivery roller on which is wound a continuous tape of labels, a drive means for conveying this tape along a dispenser conveying path from said delivery roller towards a label inlet of the franking machine, a first coding means mounted on said drive means, for measuring an angular displacement of